BECKHAM

AUGUST 5 - Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Connie Reynolds, Crystal and Karen Carter, Mrs. A. C. Martin and boys, Mrs. Geraldine Moore and Gwen visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter.

Traci Schmutz and A. C. Martin are spending this week at 4-H Camp Holiday Lake.

Monica Stratton is spending this week with Jennifer Schmutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin, Mrs. Josephine Duncan and Daryll Duncan of Martinsville, spent the week end in this home.

Melanie Morris visited Karen Carter Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin are expecting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drumheller and family of Troy, Michigan, for the night Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck, Miss Kathy Tuck, Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Moore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tuck and Rob, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronnie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman at their home in Lynchburg Sunday evening. Mr. Coleman recently underwent surgery at the University of Virginia Hospital.

Miss Peggy Watkins, of Vienna, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronnie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamilton and Mrs. Elizabeth Burge will spend today with Mrs. H. C. Moore.

OSTOMY ASSOCIATION

The purpose of this letter is to inform area residents of the purpose of the Lynchburg Chapter of the United Ostomy association.

We are seeking to reach people who are anticipating or have had any type of ostomy surgery, which includes ileostomys, colostomys, urostomys (ileal conduit). We are a group of people who met the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in classroom #6 at Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital to discuss any problems and promote better methods of ostomy care and management. We exchange ideas and aid rehabilitation of ostomates.

We encourage people to ask their doctors about the existence and assistance of our club or to contact the numbers listed below, and we will be glad to call or visit you. Also, we have written information regarding this type of surgery. After all, who would be better qualified to help you over any "humps", than a fellow ostomate?

Our programs include people who are representatives of our surgical supply houses who are able to give expert advice on the care and management of an ostomy. Also, doctors who are specialists in these fields are often guest speakers.

We wish to emphasize that our members include children, teen-agers, businessmen and women, both working and retired, whose social and business life is not altered because of an ostomy.

We urge you to ask your doctor about our association or contact the American Cancer Society in Lynchburg, 845-0973. Members are also available by phone after 5:00 p.m. They are Mr. Louie Merricks, pres. 239-5862, Mrs. Rose Rucker, Corresponding Sec., 845-5758 and Elmo Torian, 239-0997. These people will be happy to help you or put you in touch with another member.

Rose L. Rucker
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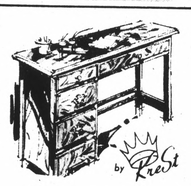

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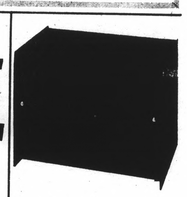

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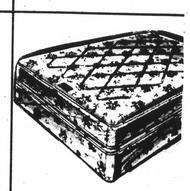

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"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

Oat seed are going to be scare and high this fall. Last week I talked with several major suppliers of oat seed and they are suggesting that if you need oat seed make your purchase. Varieties will also be limited. One supplier admitted that prices had not been established, but suggested that they would run at least $5.25 per bushel.

Last winter dealt a devastating blow to the states oat crop.

Oats actually may be a low grade, but the best reason for planting them is that they are a pretty sure crop. Orchard grass and clover is the hay that we should be growing.

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Last week we weighed a group of calves that had been weighed on April 28 - 96 days earlier. They had put on an average of 135 lbs. or 1.42 pounds per day.

This demonstrates the effect of the drought on calf grains. Under a more normal situation, the gain should be at least 1.7 pounds a day.

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If you are interested in vegetables, small fruit and tree fruits, there will be a Field Day August 24 at the Horticulture Farm at Virginia Tech.

The program begins at 1:00 and should conclude by 5:00 p.m. Greenhouse operators and producers should plan to attend this program.

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Looking for rare beans? The largest selection of bean seeds in the country is offered by a northeastern seedsman . . . address available on request.

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Mulched plants may need watering before unmulched plants. One of the reasons for mulching is to reduce watering needs, but plants can outgrow the moisture in the soil beneath the mulch.

Mulched plants grow larger, than unmulched plants and, therefore, soil moisture may be depleted earlier than non-mulched plants.

All we're saying is, don't rely on mulch to furnish moisture . . . water these plants also.

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There are many sources that are promoting foliar fertilizers of various analyses and materials for soybeans. VPI has no recommendaiton to make, pro or con.

Two years ago Iowa State published information but showed yield increases of 25-35 bushels per acre from a particular foliar material.

Last year there were many experiments conducted in the Southeastern U. S. Almost without exception, the foliar fertilizers severely burned the plants and resulted in yield reductions.

Although the practice looks good, we just don't know enough about it to make sound recommendation. At the last Soybean Conference Dr. Hanway said, "Don't use more than you can afford to use."

Following are some of Dr. Hanway's guidelines:

1. Do not apply to soybeans that are suffering from drought or other stress.

2. Apply only to soybeans that have a yield potential of 40 or 50 bushels per acre without the materials.

3. Apply in early morning or late afternoon. Avoid the hot periods of mid-day, when sun is bright.

4. Use materials that contain nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and sulfur. Leaving any one out can reduce the response greatly. Dr. Hanway recommends an analysis of approximately 10-1-3-0-5.

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Don't cut down the dogwoods although the leaves have turned brown.

What is happening is that the tree is undergoing heat defoliation which is a natural means of self-preservation. Dogwoods are shallow rooted, but the system is very fibrous.

If rains resume in large amounts, the dogwoods may put new growth which could be bad, because the tender foliage would be subject to heavy frost injury.

If possible, deep water . . . drill holes 15-20 inches in soil and water thoroughly.

After frost, but before November, fertilize with a garden fertilizer.

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PRECIPITATION

Last Week	.94
This Month	1.18
This Year	16.42

CLEAN OUT-SELL OUT USE THE CLASSIFIED ADS

Making plans for activities in the Longwood Reading Center are, left to right, Willa Jean Derbin, Rhonda Jones and Linda Archer, all of Appomattox. They served as "individual teachers" or tutors in Longwood's summer reading improvement program for area young people.

Completes Seven-Week Tutorial

Farmville, Va. August 2, 1977 — Seventy students, ranging in age from six to 18, and 40 graduate and undergraduate students at Longwood College have just completed a seven-week tutorial reading program which was a learning experience for both groups.

The Longwood College Reading Center was inaugurated three years ago by the college's education department in cooperation with a major effort by Virginia educators to improve children's reading and language arts skills. This year's program began on June 20 and ran through July 29.

The 70 students were divided into six reading teams according to age, grade and skills. Placement of the students was determined by various evaluative tests, including a standardized reading test and appraisal of achievement in oral and silent reading, word recognition, spelling, writing, listening oral language, and study skills. Each team was supervised by a Longwood faculty reading specialist.

Each of the pupils also worked with a teacher on a one-to-one basis. The 40 "individual teachers' were graduate or undergraduate students working through Longwood's eduation department toward state certification as reading teachers or reading specialists.

Mrs. Mary Stuart Woodburn, director of the Center, stated that some of the areas of concern during the program were development of basic sight vocabulary, word attack and comprehension skills, writing and spelling, library and study skills, improving the rate of reading, and building confidence and poise.

Students attending the Center came from a wide area of southside Virginia, including the counties of Halifax, Lunenburg, Charlotte, Amelia, Nottoway, Buckingham, Cumberland, Powhatan, Chesterfield, and Prince Edward.

Dr. Charles H. Patterson, chairman of Longwood's education department, stated that one of the initial steps in implementing the program each summer is to inform public school superintendents and principals and private school headmasters in the Longwood region of the availability of the program, free of charge, and to enlist their cooperation in locating children who might benefit from it.

Requests for information on next summer's Reading Center are welcomed. Contacts should be made to: Mrs. Mary Stuart Woodburn, Director, Longwood College Reading Center, or to Dr. Charles H. Patterson, Chairman, Education Department.

Enlists In U.S. Army

Lisa C. Mitchell of Appomattox has enlisted in the U. S. Army through the assistance of the U. S. Army Recruiting Services of Lynchburg.

Lisa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mitchell, is a 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School. She reports to active duty January 10, 1978. After training Lisa will be assigned to an Intercept Group in Okinawa, as an Electronic Warfare/Signal Intelligence Interceptor, Morse Interceptor. Lisa will receive a cash bonus of $1500.00. She enlisted in the Delayed Entry Program August 2, 1977.

Michael D. Shorter of Evergreen has enlisted in the U. S. Army through the assistance of the U. S. Army Recruiting Services of Lynchburg.

Michael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Shorter, is a 1976 graduate of Appomattox County High School. He reports to active duty August 30, 1977 and after Basic Training he will report to his school training as an Aircraft Powerplant Repairman. Michael enlisted in the Delayed Entry Program June 28, 1977.

ROCKS

Rocks Aug. 8 - A welcoming rain fell in the area Sunday afternoon. Farmers will start cutting tobacco today.

A good number attended the funeral of Luther Jones at Rocks Church on last Monday morning. Rev. A. M. Taylor went on to the burial near Roanoke that afternoon.

A number of the W. M. U. ladies attended the study course at Liberty on Tuesday night. Mrs. Frances Bowman taught the book, "The Listening Woman, I Am."

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Radnor who have another granddaughter Gina Michelle born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hamlett of Appomattox

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder and Joanne and Patricia and Debbie Roach have returned after being on vacation at the Smokies.

A number attended the Reed funeral at Rocks Church on Friday afternoon. We extend our sympathy to the families of Luther Jones and Benny Reed in the loss of their loved ones this past week.

Mike Richardson spent Monday night with Ken Caldwell. they both had birthdays last week.

The Friendship Circle had their meeting on Tuesday afternoon with Mary Edith Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richardson went to Watermelon Park over the week-end.

Rev. W. H. Elder went to Bagby Memorial Church in Buckingham Sunday and occupied the pulpit there at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Maxwell and son William Forest of S. C. spent a few days here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell Sr. of Pamplin.

Friends are sorry to hear Mrs. Edna Covington of Appomattox is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital. Hope she may have a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor and son, Scottie arrived Saturday to visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Taylor of Pamplin.

Mrs. Clara Garrett and Mrs. Alice Jackson of Evergreen were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge Sunday.

A large crowd attended the worship service at Rocks Sunday night conducted by the worship team from the various colleges in Virginia. Many visitors were present. A supper was h eld on Sunday night. All youth are invited to the parsonage at 11:30 on Monday (today) for games and fellowship with the visiting worship team. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at lunch time. The team will be going on visitation following the fellowship.

Sarah Hamlin had surgery Monday in Lynchburg. Hope she has a speedy recovery. She is in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

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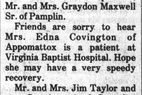

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